

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, please insert the following as the first paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application under 35 USC 371 of International Application PCT/JP2005/016047, filed September 1, 2005, which is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.

Please replace the paragraph bridging **pages 6-7** with the following amended paragraph:

R₃ is a hydrogen atom or a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Page 7, please replace the last full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

wherein crosslinkable monomer blocks in a polymer chain and the crosslinkable monomer blocks in a discrete polymer chain are crosslinked via a linkage formed by reaction between the crosslinkable functional group that is the carboxyl radical or the crosslinkable functional radical and a polyfunctional compound; and

Page 8, please replace the paragraph above "[Formula 12]" with the following amended paragraph:

if R_3 is a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Page 10, please replace the paragraph above "[Formula 19]" with the following amended paragraph:

if R_3 is a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Page 28, please replace the paragraph above "[Formula 32]" with the following amended paragraph:

R_3 is a hydrogen atom or a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Page 29, replace the first full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

wherein crosslinkable monomer blocks in a polymer chain and the crosslinkable monomer blocks in a discrete polymer chain are crosslinked via a reaction between the crosslinkable functional group that is the carboxyl radical or the crosslinkable functional radical and a polyfunctional compound; and

Page 29, replace the last full paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

if R_3 is a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Page 31 please replace the paragraph above "[Formula 45]" with the following amended paragraph:

if R_3 is a crosslinkable functional radical group represented by the formula:

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 36-37 with the following amended paragraph:

The hollow microparticles obtained according to the present invention can be confirmed by transferring a water surface film of these microparticles to a grit for transmission electron microscopes (abbreviated as TEM) to observe with a TEM. Fig. 5 [[Fig. 3]] shows a TEM photograph of a water surface monolayer film of hollow microparticles according to the present invention (the average particle size of the silica particles is 740 nm and

the number average molecular weights of PEO and PMMA blocks composing the polymer brush layers of the hollow microparticles are 388000 and 194000 respectively). This confirmed that the hollow microparticles according to the present invention had formed a monoparticle film without two-dimensional aggregation.